

September 6, 2012

Mr. Chris Schoneman  
Project Leader  
USFWS Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge  
906 W. Sinclair Road  
Calipatria, CA 92233

Dear Mr. Schoneman:

The Salton Sea Authority is pleased to provide this letter in support of the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge's proposed shallow water habitat at Red Hill Bay on the southern end of the Salton Sea.

The Salton Sea Authority has long been a proponent of habitat creation and Salton Sea restoration. Your proposed project is an important step in maintaining a functioning ecosystem at the Salton Sea. The project is complimentary with longer range restoration plans at the sea and helps maintain functioning high value wildlife habitat at the Salton Sea.

The Salton Sea Authority will continue to support this and like projects at the Salton Sea as we move forward towards the implementation of a successful Salton Sea restoration program.

Sincerely,



Marion Ashley, President  
Salton Sea Authority